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HB 2008 (Chapter 274): fireworks

Prohibits further regulation of the use of permissible consumer fireworks by a governing body, except that cities, towns or unincorporated areas may regulate the sale of permissible consumer fireworks within their corporate limits in a manner consistent with National Fire Protection Association code and may prohibit the use and sale of permissible consumer fireworks on specified dates and at specified locations.

Allows a city, town or unincorporated area within a county with a population of less than 500,000 people to prohibit the use or sale of permissible consumer fireworks on any day on which a stage one or higher fire restriction has been implemented. Continues to allow a governing body, by ordinance, to regulate fireworks that are not permissible consumer fireworks. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2022 (Chapter 69): tuition waiver scholarship; university; revisions

Replaces the current foster care tuition waiver age criteria with the requirement that the student be under the age of 23 to receive a tuition waiver. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2032 (Chapter 20): office of administrative hearings; continuation

Continues the Office of Administrative Hearings until July 1, 2019. Retroactive effective date: July 1, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2064 (Chapter 1): graduation requirement; civics test

Requires the SBE to require students to correctly answer at least 60 out of 100 questions on a test identical to the civics component of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services as a part of the high school competency requirements, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

The school district governing board or charter school governing body may determine the manner and method to administer the test, and the school must document passage of the test on the student's transcript. Permits a student who does not pass the test to retake it until he or she passes and states that students who receive special education are not required to pass the test unless specific conditions are met. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2084 (Chapter 21): condominiums; planned communities; associations; disclosures

Requires condominium and planned community associations to file contact information with the ACC, instead of the county recorder. Specifies that written responses to notices of violations be sent to the address listed on the notice, instead of the address filed with the county recorder. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2218 (Chapter 207): accountancy board; certified public accountants

Makes changes to the statutes governing CPAs, PAs and Accounting Firms. Consolidates statutes by repealing and transferring the content of three sections. Includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in the definition of *jurisdiction*.

Allows a registrant whose certificate has been suspended due to non-registration to request that the registrant's certificate be placed on inactive, cancelled or retired status. Allows a Firm to relinquish their registration and requires a Firm whose relinquishment has been accepted by the Board of Accountancy to submit a form before the relinquishment may go into effect and provides a template for a relinquishment form.

Allows CPA applicants to substitute the International Qualification Exam for the Uniform Exam in cases where the applicant has obtained a certificate in another jurisdiction and certain requirements are met. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2219 (Chapter 106): state board of accountancy; continuation

Continues the Arizona State Board of Accountancy for eight years until July 1, 2023. Retroactive effective date: July 1, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2239 (Chapter 303): police reports; victims; attorneys

Allows a victim's attorney to receive one free copy of the police report from the investigating agency on the victim's behalf. Applies to victims of criminal offenses or delinquent acts. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2288 (Chapter 50): scrap metal dealers; registration information

Requires DPS to post the name, address and locations of each principal office or branch of registered scrap metal dealers to the DPS website. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2297 (Chapter 240): state agency rulemaking; restrictions

Prohibits agencies from adopting rules that would increase existing regulation on property rights or business, unless the rule is part of an overall effort to reduce regulatory burdens, is necessary to implement statute or is required by a final court order or decision. Grants an affirmative defense to any person subject to a civil or criminal proceeding arising from the enforcement of an illegal rule, relative to the enforcement action. Includes specific exceptions and exclusions. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2338 (Chapter 174): ASRS; disability program

Removes the word “total” from the description of an ASRS member’s disability for purposes of long term disability benefits. Does not change the eligibility criteria. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2339 (Chapter 175): ASRS; rules

Removes the requirement for plans and amendments submitted by political subdivisions to conform to the ASRS requirements provided in rule. Replaces current language about member access to account information with a requirement that ASRS make member account information accessible via either written or electronic form to a member. Information provided must include: member’s current account balance, contact information, beneficiary election and estimated retirement date and benefit amount. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2414 (Chapter 306): community college tuition financing districts

Changes the name of *provisional community college districts* to *community college tuition financing districts* and designates the county board of supervisors as the governing board of a district formed after January 1, 2015.

Establishes a 15-member study committee on community college finance and expenditure limits and outlines the membership of the committee. Requires the committee to:

- Examine the community college district constitutional expenditure limits.
- Review the impact of expenditure limits on community college districts, including the impact on financing modern and competitive workforce programs.
- Establish methods to move closer to actual full time student enrollment calculations for funding.
- Study any other relevant topic or issue that may be pertinent to the finances of community college districts.
- Make recommendations for proposed statutory changes.

Directs the committee to submit a report of all activities, findings and recommendations by January 1, 2016. Repeals the committee on January 1, 2016. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2432 (Chapter 57): Arizona first responders’ day

Designates September 27th of each year as Arizona First Responders’ Day of Gratitude and Remembrance. Encourages Arizonans to demonstrate appreciation and pay tribute to first responders, past and present, for their dedication to preserving and protecting the public peace and safety. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2480 (Chapter 244): weights and measures department; transfer

Transfers the functions and responsibilities of the Arizona Department of Weights and Measures (DWM) to the Arizona Department of Agriculture (Department) and the ADOT. Regulation of for-hire transportation (taxis, limousines and livery vehicles) is transferred to ADOT, all other functions of DWM related to inspection, testing and licensing of commercial weighing and measuring devices are transferred to the Department.

Within the Department, a Division of Weights and Measures Services (Division) is created, overseen by an Associate Director who assumes all duties previously held by the Director of DWM (except those related to for-hire transportation). Fees and penalties collected by ADOT related to for-hire transportation enforcement and regulation are deposited into the state general fund.

HB 2480 continues all current actions, administrative rules and orders until superseded by ADOT or the Department and transfers all administrative matters, contracts and judicial or quasi-judicial actions to ADOT and the Department as applicable. All certificates, licenses, registrations, permits and other qualification indicia are valid for the duration of their terms. Property, data, investigative findings and appropriated monies are transferred to ADOT and the Department, with the Director of the ADOA determining the allocation for the transfer. ADOA is required to submit a succession plan by March 1, 2016 for review by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. Current DWM personnel under the state personnel system are transferred to comparable positions and classifications within either the Division or ADOT. ADOT and the Department are exempt from rulemaking for one year after July 1, 2016 and Legislative Council is directed to prepare conforming legislation for the 2017 legislative session. Effective: July 1, 2016.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2482 (Chapter 311): student loan bonds

Allows a corporation to issue student loan bonds without approving a plan or submitting a plan if the issuance meets certain criteria. Requires the corporation to notify the *state program representative* at least 60 days prior to issuance of either refunding or additional bonds. Deems a bond rating of “A” or higher as conclusive proof that adequate provision for payment has been made for purposes of the statutory findings made by the *state program representative*. Designates the State Treasurer as the *state program representative* for the student loan bond program. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2526 (Chapter 218): governor’s regulatory review council; membership

Requires the appointment of at least one small business owner to Governor’s Regulatory Review Council and places appointed members under the statutes that govern vacancy of office and discharge of officers.

States that, unless otherwise specified by law, every officer holds his or her office at the pleasure of the appointing power and expands the definition of vacancy to include any board or commission member that is removed by the appointing power before the expiration of the person's term. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

HB 2551 (Chapter 287): state, county employees; precinct committeemen

Permits a county or state employee to serve in the office of precinct committeemen. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1054 (Chapter 62): CORP; health benefits; retirement benefits

Makes numerous changes to the lump sum payment of permanent benefit increases (PBIs) and the health insurance/accident premium benefit program under CORP for purposes of complying with federal requirements for tax-exempt status. Provides that if a CORP member who is eligible for the health/accident insurance premium benefit forfeits interest in the account before termination of CORP, the amount of the forfeiture must be quickly applied to reduce employer contributions required to fund the health insurance benefit (effective retroactively to September 26, 1990). The bill also makes lump sum PBI payments ineligible for a direct rollover distribution into another retirement account. SB 1054 provides additional requirements for rollovers to ROTH IRAs, clarifies timeframes for rollovers and addresses rollovers for lump sum distributions from the Reverse DROP. It specifies that from January 1, 2008 on, qualified military service is not considered severance from employment during the service, considers payments made by the employer to the CORP member during qualified military service as compensation and states that CORP survivors are entitled to any benefits provided under CORP, for deaths occurring from and after December 31, 2006 that occur while the member is performing qualified military service. Effective: July 3, 2015, except as noted above.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1055 (Chapter 63): EORP; health benefits; retirement benefits

Makes numerous changes to the lump sum payment of permanent benefit increases (PBIs) and the health insurance/accident premium benefit program under EORP for purposes of complying with federal requirements for tax-exempt status. Provides that if a EORP member who is eligible for the health/accident insurance premium benefit forfeits interest in the account before termination of EORP, the amount of the forfeiture must be quickly applied to reduce employer contributions required to fund the health insurance benefit (effective retroactively to May 16, 1990). The bill also makes lump sum PBI payments ineligible for a direct rollover distribution into another retirement account. SB 1055 provides additional requirements for rollovers to ROTH IRAs and clarifies timeframes for rollovers. It specifies that from January 1, 2008 on, qualified military service is not considered severance from employment during the service, considers payments made by the employer to the EORP member during qualified military service as compensation and states that EORP survivors are entitled to any benefits provided under EORP, for deaths occurring from and after December 31, 2006 that occur while the member is performing qualified military service. Effective: July 3, 2015, except as noted above.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1057 (Chapter 64): PSPRS; health benefits; retirement benefits

Makes numerous changes to the lump sum payment of permanent benefit increases (PBIs) and the health insurance/accident premium benefit program under PSPRS for purposes of complying with federal requirements for tax-exempt status. Provides that if a PSPRS member who is eligible for the health/accident insurance premium benefit forfeits interest in the account before termination of the plan, the amount of the forfeiture must be quickly applied to reduce employer contributions required to fund the health insurance benefit (effective retroactively to September 29, 1988). The bill also makes lump sum PBI payments ineligible for a direct rollover distribution into another retirement account. SB 1057 provides additional requirements for rollovers to ROTH IRAs, clarifies timeframes for rollovers and addresses rollovers for lump sum distributions from DROP. It specifies that from January 1, 2008, qualified military service is not considered severance from employment during the service, considers payments made by the employer to the PSPRS member during qualified military service as compensation and states that PSPRS survivors are entitled to any benefits provided under PSPRS, for deaths occurring from and after December 31, 2006 that occur while the member is performing qualified military service. Effective: July 3, 2015, except as noted above.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1073 (Chapter 79): public records; redaction; former judges

Allows former judges and US Immigration Court judges to request that certain personal information be kept confidential from public records. Clarifies that former judges are not required to include a description of their position and duties on the required affidavit. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1090 (Chapter 144): neutrality agreement; apprenticeship agreement; prohibition

Prohibits government entities from requiring contractors or other persons engaged in a project to enter into neutrality agreements or participate in US Department of Labor apprenticeship programs as a condition or factor in bidding, negotiating, being awarded or performing work on a public works contract. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1091 (Chapter 81): homeowners' associations; removal; special meetings

Specifies that quorum and vote counts are based on the members eligible to vote rather than the members entitled to cast votes, for the purposes of a HOA's election to remove a member from the board of directors. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1095 (Chapter 36): community colleges; optional retirement plans

Specifies that for non-retired ASRS members who elect to participate in a community college district optional retirement plan, ASRS must transfer out the employee's contributions with

interest to the plan. Retired members who participate would not have their contributions transferred to the optional retirement plan. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1096 (Chapter 65): ASRS; actuarial valuation method

Allows the ASRS Board to determine which generally accepted actuarial cost method to use in valuation and contribution calculations and expands the annual employer contributions report to include information on ASRS's funded status and returns. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1097 (Chapter 37): ASRS; health insurance benefits

States that if an ASRS member who is eligible for the health or accident insurance premium benefit forfeits interest in the account before termination of ASRS, then the amount of the forfeiture must be applied to reduce employer contributions required to fund the health insurance benefit. Retroactive effective date: July 1, 2013.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1119 (Chapter 38): ASRS; purchase of credited service

Removes the five-year cap on the purchase of prior years of service for ASRS members whose membership date started before July 20, 2011 and requires members to have at least five years of service in ASRS before purchasing prior service, if their membership date is on or after July 1, 2010. Applies the service purchase time caps and prior year service requirements to prior public service, time spent on unpaid leave of absence or military service. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1121 (Chapter 148): ASRS; participation opt out; continuation

Removes the sunset date of July 1, 2015 that would end the option for persons at least 65-years-old and who meet specified eligibility requirements, to opt-out of participation in ASRS. Effective: April 1, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1169 (Chapter 152): fire code requirements; fire watch

Allows an employee to serve as fire watch for the building that the employee works in and outlines firewatch procedures. Specifies that school facilities with an aggregate area of less than 5,000 square feet are under the jurisdiction of the local fire marshal, if one is employed by the county, city or town. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1187 (Chapter 153): services outside municipal boundaries; requirements

Adds landfill and recycling collection or processing services to the statutes that govern cities and towns that provide garbage collection services outside of their boundaries. States that the new

changes do not apply to a city or town that entered into a contract or mutual aid, reciprocal assistance or intergovernmental agreement for landfill services or recycling services outside of its boundaries before January 1, 2015, until the agreement expires or January 1, 2020, whichever is earliest. Exempts a city or town with a population of less than 5,000 persons that only provides landfill or recycling services outside of its boundaries and non-commercial solid waste that is brought from a single family residence to a municipal landfill by a private person who resides outside of the municipal boundaries. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1194 (Chapter 3): loan repayment; medically underserved areas

Expands the types of medical professions that can participate in the Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program and the Rural Private Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1201 (Chapter 229): Arizona historical society; board; membership

Changes the membership of the Arizona Historical Society to consist of one member from each county, one member recommended by each society chapter board and five public members. Requires board members to be a member of the society or become a member before Senate confirmation and to have knowledge, competence, experience and interest in the fields related to the preservation and promotion of Arizona history. Allows board members serving on the effective date of this act may continue to serve until expiration of their term of office. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1210 (Chapter 66): statutory drafting and revision

States that a reference in a section of statute also applies to any future revisions, amendments or re-enactments made to the section of reference. Allows the Director of Legislative Council to substitute actual dates for certain phrases that refer to the effective date retroactively to April 21, 2015. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1211 (Chapter 43): revisers technical corrections; 2015

Makes numerous technical changes to statutes. Effective July 3, 2015, except several sections that are retroactive to the original effective date of the specific statute.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1287 (Chapter 187): ballot contents disclosure; prohibition

Prohibits taking photos or videos within the 75-foot limit of a polling place. Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor to show another voter's ballot or the machine that another voter has used in a way that reveals the contents. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1298 (Chapter 86): rules; counties; flood control districts

Requires counties and flood control districts to adopt procedures regarding rulemaking and rule enforcement. The county or district is also required to establish procedures regarding notification, public comment and complaint processes. Exempts counties from rulemaking requirements for: ordinances adopted by the board of supervisors, substantive policy statements, certain procedural documents, use or adoption of a form that is consistent with an ordinance or statute, functions related to air quality control and county subdivision regulations. Exempts flood control districts from rulemaking requirements for substantive policy statements, certain procedural documents and use or adoption of a form that is consistent with an ordinance or statute. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1342 (Chapter 166): responsibility of payment; utility services

Prohibits cities, towns, garbage collection service providers, private water companies and sewer corporations from requiring payment for services to residential properties with four or fewer units from anyone other than the person:

- With whom the service was contracted;
- Who physically resides or resided at the property; and
- Who receives or received services.

Prohibits cities and towns from requiring payment from a homeowner for an assessment imposed for the removal of rubbish, trash, filth or debris if the property has four units or less, was serving as a rental and had a tenant at the time of the assessment. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1368 (Chapter 189): municipalities; additional business licenses; prohibition

Prohibits cities and towns from requiring a real estate broker or salesperson to obtain an additional business license if the person is already licensed in the city or town where the person's business is located. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1393 (Chapter 197): delayed birth certificates; Native Americans

Requires the State Registrar of Vital Records to establish documentation requirements for Native Americans requesting delayed birth certificates who were born before 1970. Gives the Registrar the duty of reviewing documents that do not meet established requirements and determining whether to create and register a delayed birth certificate. DHS is exempted from rulemaking requirements for one year, but specific notice must be provided. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1441 (Chapter 77): official state metal; copper

Designates copper as the official state metal. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1449 (Chapter 89): public monies; investment; pooled collateral

Disallows registered warrants, first mortgages or trust deeds on improved, unencumbered real estate to be acceptable forms of collateral of an eligible depository. Specifies that if a political subdivision's aggregate monies available for deposit are less than the maximum coverage amount of the FDIC, rather than \$100,000, the subdivision must award the deposit of the funds to an eligible depository in accordance with a subdivision ordinance or resolution. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.

SB 1451 (Chapter 171): investment of trust monies

Requires bonds or other evidences of indebtedness for which the Treasurer invests trust and treasury monies to carry an investment grade rating by a nationally recognized bond rating agency. Authorizes the Treasurer to use investment earnings to pay for software to assist with the analysis, tracking and trading of securities.

Requires all State Transportation Board funding obligation interest rates to be based on bond interest rates with comparable maturity dates as determined by the pricing system used by the Treasurer.

Decreases the asset threshold to become a state servicing bank from \$200 million to \$100 million and removes specified dates outlined in the servicing bank selection process. Effective: July 3, 2015.

Click [here](#) for the bill history.